# The Cleverness of Cardillac

By ROBERT BARR

Synopsis of Chapters Already Published | Victor De Caddillac, a hot-headed, impetous routh of Gascony, goes to Parls to seek his fortune, bearing a letter from Charles d'Albert de Luynes, favorite of young King Louis XIII and chief minister and dictator of France. He learns that his letter is a joke.

Cardillac is warned of the prowess of De Luynes as a swordsman. Tresor, a confidential servant, offers Cardillac a chance to meet De Luynes and prove his mettle.

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CHAPTER IV. (Continued.) HE duke frowned, but kept sil-

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My Lord Duke:

In addressing you thus I have reason to believe that I anticipate by a short time only the honor his majesty designs to bestow upon you; therefore, being the first to recognize you as one of us. I venture to offer some counsel which, though unasked, may not be unwelcome. When you become a member of the nobility you may find it desirable both for your comfort and your safety that the class to which you will then belong believes you to be a peer of the realm in spirit as well as in name. It will ultimately prove disastrous if throughout our ranks there filters a suspicion that a man of title, no matter how highly placed, goes about in danger of an assessin's knife. Tonight I visited you at your own request, and, also at your own request, and when also and the your own request.

ome individual whom the young man lide not recognize, and who doubtless sceped undetected to his own home, wherever that may be, for your serteant could give me no idea regarding he culprit's identity. I confess at once that when I learned De Cardillac, the wounded man, had followed me from your palace, I suspected that you had set him on my rack, and in this I admit I did you an njustice, for he tells me it is you, and not myself, against whom he harbors teelings of injury, and it was you he

self, who has the most at stake, receives the faintest inkling of it.

I have myself tonight been able to do you a good turn in preventing publicity of an incident, which, once it became known, with various exaggerations, might have produced unpleasant results. Luckily the police sergeant, by whom I forward this letter, to be given privately into your own hand, proved to be a man of discretion. I have imposed strict silence upon him, which coismand you will doubtless emphasize when you see him. One odd feature of the affair is that Cardillac, while professing the utmost enmity to yourself, nevertheless carried upon his person a most cordial and intimate letter from you. This letter I, knowing your handwriting, believe to be a vorgery, in spite of the fact that it is written on palace paper.

I shall keep this young man under my

tent for your report at police headquerters."
Not so, my lord duke. In this case
I am acting under instructions issued
direct from the Palace de Luynes, thus
independent of my chief, and, indeed,
under orders to report nothing to him
of touight's proceedings."

"Ah, in that case, sergeant, my anxilly departs. The palace of de Luyres,
tike my own, is undoubtedly closed for
the night. Would you give your men
outside liberty to druk a flazon or two
of wine before you depart? Meanwhile.
I shall order for yourself a vintage I
think will nlease you."
As he said this, he struck a bell,
which, being immediately answered, he
gave his commands for a quantity of
stout burgundy to be supplied to those
outside, and some champagne of the
year 1603 for the business room. As the
sergeant returned, and the wine came
in, the duke addressed De Cardillac.

"In one respect, sir, I think I may
contravene the orders of my excellent
physician. I am guite sure that a
measure of this delectable champagne.

contravele the orders of my excensive physician. I am quite sure that a measure of this delectable champagne will not injure you."
"Indeed, my lord," said Cardillac cheerfully, "I was about to make a

"Really? I understood you to say you received your instructions from him?"
"No, my lord. I said from the pal-

"Did the individual who instructed you appear to be a person of importance in the King's household?"

"Not of great imror'ance, my lord. He was too polite to be of much account. His name is M. Tresor, but I am ignorant of his position in the household of monsleur."

"Ah, old Tresor!" replied the duke. "A very ofly ancient. He was the menial who saw me to the door tonight."

"Quite so. Now sergeant, we all wish to go to bed. Here is the letter to De Luynes. You will give it to him to-norrow between the midday meal and the beginning of his afternoon recertion. You must insist on seeing De Luynes himself, and say to Tresor, if he questions you, that you were contained to do so. Teh him, if he insists, that the letter is a private one to De Luynes, from the Duc de Montre. cheerfully. "I was about to make a sists, that the letter is a problem of the local to De Luynes, from the Duc de Montre-

Agreed to him a western and the duke himself. He was attired in a line-stained priding continue.

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You may teil the proprietor in a case that one of the horses will bought; all of them, if they prove be good. Now, away with you, lose not a moment. Send in ncois. And, by the way, show second paper at the barriers, and will allow you to get quit of is. Once outside, do not spare seffesh. Buy all the animals you, and let nothing delay you." Then Francois entered, the duke t on as though reciting a lesson had learned by heart.

S the traveling carriage in readi-

tonight."
"I quite agree with you," replied the duke. "Still, if I knew exactly what your instructions were, I should be the

Iaws of Paris, and the general law of France, placed you in great danger, sergeant.

"Danger?" cried the sergeant valorously. "Why, my lord, I have been accustomed to meet danger all my life, I have been set on in my time by a rock of ruttians carrying bludgeons."

"And I deubt not you acquitted yourself most courageously," interjected the duke, "but this is danger of a more subtle kind. Suppose, for instance, that you had been irgnorant of the law, and had insisted on arresting me, you ran the danger of being imprisoned for the rest of your life, or, indeed, you might have been taken out into the prison yard and shot."

"Eddie" Collins, the second baseman of the Athletics, is well remembered in Rockville, Conn., and his work has been member of the star Rockville team of 1996, which not only won the series with Manchester, Conn., but the "semi-professional" champlonship of Connecticut. Collins played shortstop on the Rockville team, and came with the bunch of players that Manager "Billy" Lush severe the professional that the prison players are the control of the Athletics, is well remembered in Rockville, Conn., and his work has been member of the star Rockville team of 1996, which not only won the series with Manchester, Conn., but the "semi-professional" champlonship of Connecticut. Collins players in the Athletics, is well remembered in Rockville, Conn., and his work has been member of the star Rockville team of 1996, which not only won the series with Manchester, Conn., but the "semi-professional" champlonship of Connecticut. Collins played shortstop on the Rockville team of 1996, which not only won the series with Manchester, Conn., but the "semi-professional" champlonship of Connecticut. Collins played shortstop on the Rockville team of 1996, which not only won the series with Manchester, Conn., and his work has been accustomed to met deal to the professional "champlonship of Connecticut." Collins played shortstop on the Rockville team, and came with the bunch of players that Manager "Billy" Lush se-

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"Still, Treor show have given you warring to could fall back upon if you had made a mistake."

"Oh, he did that, of course."

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"No. because I receptized your fast of the course of the siling the moment you turned your fast."

"I gained at It my lord. It seemed to give me a good deal of power."

"Yes, but by whom was it stened."

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of?"

So my lord."

duke had been writing as he his rapid commands.

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